Misuse of parking space in and around Connaught Place

1666. SHRI C. O. POULOSE: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that twenty-nine prime office buildings in and around Connaught Place area are under-utilizing or misusing their parking space;

(b) whether it is also a fact that it is near impossible to park vehicles in Connaught Place as the basements are being used as offices in those buildings; and

(c) if so, Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI BANDARU DATTATRAYA): (a) to (c) New Delhi Municipal Council (NDMC) has reported that in most of the multi storeyed buildings around Connaught Place, basement/ parking spaces are under utilized. A survey conducted by it has revealed that spaces sanctioned for store and not parking spaces are being misused for office purposes. NDMC has started prosecution against the parties misusing storage space in the basements of the multi-storeyed buildings for office purposes.

Steps to improve the condition of slum population

1667. DR. M. N. DAS: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the approximate number of population living in slums in the four metropolitan cities of Delhi, Kolkata, Mumbai and Chennai;

(b) the steps being taken to improve their living condition and towards their poverty alleviation; and

(c) whether any provisions have been made for the supply of drinking water to urban slums?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI BANDARU DATTATRAYA): (a) The approximate number of population living in slums in four metro cities of Delhi, Kolkata, Mumbai, and Chennai is given in Statement (*See* below).

(b) and (c) Slum Development is a State subject. For improving their living condition and towards their poverty alleviation, the Environmental Improvement of Urban Slums (EIUS) Scheme is in operation in the State Sector through which basic facilities like water supply, sewerage, storm water drains, community facilities are provided in the existing slums by State Governments.

During 1996 to ameliorate the living condition of slum dwellers the Central Government launched a scheme namely National Slum Development Programme (NSDP). Under NSDP the Government is providing funds in the form of Additional Central Assistance (ACA) for provision of basic amenities, including water supply, in improving the condition of the slum dwellers in States/Union Territories.

A scheme called Swarna Jayanti Shahari Rojgar Yojana (SJSRY) was also launched from 1.12.1997 for the benefit of the Urban Poor. This scheme seeks to provide gainful employment to the urban unemployed or underemployed poor (i) through encouraging the setting up of self employment ventures by those who have read upto 9th standard and (ii) through provision of wage employment by utilising their labour for construction of socially and economically useful public assets.

Statement

Estimated Slum Population in four Metropolitan Cities for 2001

(Population in Lakhs)

S.No.	Name of City	Estimated slum population 2001
1.	Delhi UA	32.628
2.	Kolkata UA	43.147
3.	Greater Mumbai UA	58.550
4.	Chennai UA	19.620

Source: "A Compendium on Indian Slum-1996" brought out by Town and Country Planning Organisation (TCPO).